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SUBJ: SITUATION ON SUEZ AND SYRIAN FRONTS

1. UNTSO SOURCE INFORMED US AT ABOUT 1900 LOCAL THAT BOTH FRONTS WERE GENERALLY QUIET OCT 31, THOUGH DETAILED COMPLAINTS WERE BEING FILED BY BOTH SIDES ABOUT MINOR INFRACTIONS.

2. SOURCE RELATED CURIOUS INCIDENT ON SUEZ FRONT. APPROX 1100 LOCAL ISRAELI DEPUTY LIAISON OFFICER TOLD UNTSO HEADQUARTERS HERE THAT PATROL SHOULD GO UP ONTO LARGE HILL MASS OUTSIDE SUEZ CITY (SEE JERUSALEM 1225 FOR INCIDENT THERE OCT 28). UNTSO LATER LEARNED FROM PATROL IN AREA THAT ISRAELIS DROPPED PARA-TROOP UNIT ONTO HILL AT JUST ABOUT THAT TIME. EGYPTIANS DEMANDED THEY LEAVE BY 1800 LOCAL. (SINCE HILL ALREADY APPARENTLY IN ISRAELI HANDS, ACTION SEEMS NOT TO REPRESENT CHANGE OF LINE).

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3. UNTSO INTENDED TO SEND LAND CONVOY FROM JERUSALEM TO CAIRO NOV 1, SOURCE STATED. GROUP OF VEHICLES NEEDED BY UNEF WERE TO BE SENT VIA ISRAELI BRIDGE ACROSS CANAL, SOUTH TO SUEZ, AND THENCE THROUGH LINES TO CAIRO. ONE PURPOSE WAS TO ESTABLISH ROUTE FOR REGULAR USE. DAYAN HAD APPROVED AND NO PROBLEM EXPECTED FROM EGYPTIANS.

4. SOURCE TELLS US UNEF BEGINNING TO SEND OUT PATROLS SOMEWHAT RESEMBLING UNTSO PATROLS. THEY ARE REPORTING SIGHTINGS OF FORCES, MOVEMENTS, ETC.

5. UNTSO STILL HAVING RADIO TROUBLE, SOURCE STATED. UNEF STILL DOMINATING NET ON SUEZ LINES, AND RADIOS USED BY UNTSO PATROLS INADEQUATE IN ANY CASE. REPORTS OF CONDITIONS ON EAST BANK COMING BACK TO JERUSALEM WITH 4-6 HOUR DELAY AND FROM WEST BANK WITH UP TO 12 HOUR DELAY. (COMMENT: THIS DELAY OF COURSE MEANS NY GETS REPORTS VERY LATE. WE HOPE BETTER EQUIPMENT CAN BE PROVIDED QUICKLY.)

6. ON SYRIAN FRONT, UNTSO PATROL ON OCT 31 COVERED PART OF MT. HERMON AREA BEING OCCUPIED BY ISRAELIS (JERUSALEM 1232 PARA 3). WENT 6 KMS ALONG ROAD, WILL TRY TOMORROW TO COVER ON FOOT ADDITIONAL 6000 YARDS TO HIGHEST HERMON PEAK. SOURCE BELIEVES ISRAELIS WELL BEYOND THIS PEAK.
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